



E-Newsletter Summer 2013

Welcome to the summer edition of our E-Newsletter, which we hope will provide you with a little taster of the Society's activities and a preview of some things you may find in greater depth in the next edition of The Review. We've had a busy few months and have more events planned as we continue to mark our 70th anniversary year – we hope you'll be able to join us at some of them.

Annual General Meeting 2013

Our AGM was held in the convivial surroundings of the Theodore Bullfrog pub in central London, with guest speaker [Gillian Mawson](#), historian and author of 'Guernsey Evacuees: The Forgotten Evacuees of the Second World War'. After lunch and the AGM business, which included the election of officers and changes to the Society's constitution, (more of this later), Gillian gave an absorbing and interesting talk on how the chance discovery of an old press cutting from World War 2 concerning Guernsey evacuees in Bury led to her starting an oral history project that, by way of a masters degree, ended in the publication of her first book. It was certainly one of our more memorable and thought-provoking talks and a fitting subject for our anniversary year. Gillian's oral history project recently won third-prize in the third prize in the EMC Heritage Trust competition which will enable her to start putting these amazing stories and images on a dedicated website.



*Gillian Mawson at the Manchester launch of her book.
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AGM – Changes to Constitution

The meeting agreed to changes to the constitution which bring it up-to-date and, we hope, will see us through the next seventy years and beyond! The changes are as detailed below, and any

member who wishes to have a full copy of the constitution please contact the secretary, Philip Green, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk or write to him at the address in 'The Review'.

Change 1: Membership, Section 3ii:

From '*being husband and wife*' to 'being partners sharing the same address'.

Change 2: Finance, Section 5e:

From 'The Bank Account shall be in the name of the Society *with the STANDARD CHARTERED BANK LTD of 38 BISHOPSGATE, LONDON EC2N 4AH*' to 'with any such bank as the Council shall from time-to-time decide', and: All such cheques and any other documents must be signed '*by any two of the three authorised signatories*' to 'by any two of the authorised signatories'.

Important Member Information – Subscriptions & Change of Bank Account

A huge thank you to everyone who has changed their subscription payments to our account with the Co-operative Bank. If you pay your subscriptions via standing order and haven't yet amended the payment details please do so on the form provided on our [webpage](#) – where you can also pay by paypal! If you're not already a member why not join up now – it's just £12 a year for Channel Island and UK Residents, £16.50 for the rest of the world.

Occupation Words Competition

One of the major events of our anniversary year was the 'Occupation Words' competition for Bailiwick schoolchildren in years 3 to 6. A total of over 350 pupils from 11 schools took part, and we are both thrilled and amazed at the number and quality of the work that we received. We could not have had such a successful and popular competition without the help and support of Guernsey Museums, who made the Hatton Gallery in Castle Cornet available for the prize giving on Thursday 11th July. Prizes were handed out by our chairman, Keith Le Page, and the Director of the Guernsey Museums and Galleries, Dr. Jason Monaghan. Full details of the competition winners and the winning entries from each year group will be published in the next edition of The Review.

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Occupation Words competition attracts wide range of entries

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MORE than 300 students entered an Occupation Words competition organised by The Guernsey Society. The awards were presented last night at Castle Cornet.

The competition, which was also supported by Guernsey Museums, was open to Years 3 to 6 with a first, second and third prize for each year.

The competition coincided with Key Stage 2 history lessons being taught throughout Bailiwick schools. Students were asked to submit a piece of writing about the Occupation, either in the form of a story, newspaper report, letter or diary entry, with an illustration.

Keith Le Page, chairman of the Guernsey Society, said the competition also marked its 70th anniversary.

'It is the first time we have teamed up with Guernsey Museums and the competition has been very successful, with over 300 entries.'

The judging panel comprised Priaulx Library chief librarian Amanda Bennett, Guernsey FC chairman Steve Dewsnip, Guernsey Press editor Richard Digard, Guernsey Museums access and learning manager Jo Dowding, former Castel School head teacher and deputy chief education officer George Foote and Guernsey Society council member and Review of The Guernsey Society editor Michael Paul.

Miss Dowding said the entries included a variety of genres, including adventure stories. La Houquette Primary was given a special award for being the school with the most entries. It won £100 to spend on books in the Guernsey Museums shops.

■ Details and pictures of the winners will appear in the Guernsey Press next week.

The Guernsey Society chairman Keith Le Page said the competition had been 'very successful'. (Picture by Steve Sarre, 1334089)



Keith Le Page, Chairman of the Guernsey Society, pictured in the Guernsey Press report on the 'Occupation Words' competition

Social Events

We've had some great social events in the past few months. On Easter Monday, 1st April, an intrepid group of Society members braved the bitter wind and rain to support Guernsey FC in their away match against Windsor. We'd like to think it was our presence that spurred the GFC team on to a 6-1 win, but it was most likely the team's skill and class. We were pleased to see that Guernsey FC were promoted to the Ryman Isthmian League Division One and hope to organise a trip to a match or two this season.

On Saturday 1st June we met in Cleaver Square, London, for lunch followed by a few rounds of boules and some very tasty gache meleee. This was in preparation for the third annual Boules Muratti against the Jersey Society in London on 22nd June where we hoped to hold onto our unbeaten record. In the event illness meant that our team was depleted and the Jersey team were victorious. We're already preparing to regain the crown in 2014!



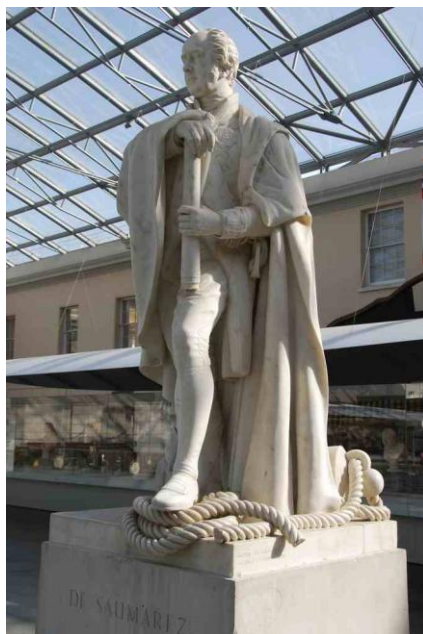
*Despite defeat The Guernsey Society proudly flew the flag!
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Future Events

In a change to our original intention of visiting Winchester, we'll be **visiting the [National Maritime Museum](#)** in Greenwich, London, on **Saturday 28th September**. We'll be meeting at the Cutty Sark at midday, having lunch and then going on the National Maritime Museum. Everyone is welcome so we hope to meet some of you there - entry to the museum is free

Our **next meeting** is on **Saturday 9th November**, midday at the [Theodore Bullfrog](#), 26-30 John Adam Street, London WC2. Nearest tubes are Charing Cross and Embankment. After lunch Keith Le Page and Steve Foote will talk about their visit to the sites of the Royal Guernsey Light Infantry battles in the First World War.

A date to note for 2014 is **Saturday 15th February** when we'll be hosting the **Guernsey Society annual lunch** in central London. Disappointed not to have attended our 70th anniversary lunch due to illness, the Bailiff, Mr. Richard Collas, has already made a note in his diary! We are still sorting out the fine detail but we'll keep you informed here and in The Review.



*Statue of Admiral Lord de Saumarez
© National Maritime Museum*

Web News

Our [website](#) is still proving popular with visitors from around the world, and [Donkipedia](#), providing as it does a wide-ranging resource on all aspects of Bailiwick history, folklore and genealogical information, has seen such massive growth that we've had to move it to a larger server!

Our [facebook](#) page has grown to a respectable 320 users and is a great way of keeping in touch with the latest Society news and information. Don't worry if you're not on facebook as we have a feed on our webpage, but if you are on facebook why not join us.

Electronic Delivery of the Review

We are now able to offer members The Review in electronic (PDF) form to download and read on your pc or tablet device. If you would like to sign up for this service please contact our webmaster, Stephen Foote, at webmaster@guernsey-society.org.uk.

Guernsey Society Bookshop

Our online [bookshop](#) is proving to be a well used resource, providing as it does the very latest Bailiwick and Channel Island related fiction and non-fiction. It is regularly updated and offers some great titles you might not easily find elsewhere.

Guernsey Society Badges

Our beautiful enamel badges, in the style of our logo, have proved extremely popular. The badges are 2.5cm in diameter, highly polished chrome with a white enamel face with the lion/leopard Guernsey crest in green and 'The Guernsey Society' written in chrome, and have a butterfly clasp. They are a snip at £3 plus p&p, (UK & CI rates: £1 up to 3 badges, £2 4 to 6,

larger orders free. For international orders email the secretary, Philip Green, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk). To place your order please send your details and cheque to: Philip Green, Secretary, The Guernsey Society, 17 Laleham House, Camlet Street, London E2 7HE. Orders may take up to 28 days to process.



The next edition of The Review will be sent out to members in September, and the next E-Newsletter will be emailed to you in late Autumn. If you want any further information on the Society or the items contained within this newsletter, please contact Philip Green, the Secretary of the Guernsey Society, at networks@guernsey-society.org.uk

A la perchoine!